

down to Blacksburg and Christiansburg and, hopefully, all the way down to Bristol. This is terribly important to make sure that those communities have a multimodal form of transportation opportunities and making sure we get those trucks off of I-81, something we have been talking about for a long time. If we increase the rail capacity, both freight and passenger, we will be able to do that.

We also know in Southside and Southwest, post-COVID, that high-speed internet connectivity is not a "nice to have" but an absolute necessity. A top priority of mine, as somebody who has spent more years in the telecommunications industry than I have in politics, is to make sure that we make those connections. This legislation—historic legislation—has \$65 billion for broadband. That investment, building on Governor Northam's \$700 million investment from Virginia and American Rescue Plan funds, will make sure that every household across the Commonwealth has access to high-speed internet connectivity, not 5 years from now or 10 years from now but in the next couple of years.

And, finally, across Southwest Virginia—and for that matter, across all of Virginia—we still have families in far Southwest that don't have access to clean drinking water on a regular basis, that still have to sometimes haul their water in the back of a pickup truck up to some cistern, and they don't have access to clean drinking water in 2021. Well, \$55 billion will go to water projects in this legislation. And whether they be access to clean drinking water on a regular basis or whether it be taking out the lead pipes that haunt too many of our urban communities, or the storm and sewer systems that are, frankly, in some cases, 60, 70, 80 years old and simply wearing out, we can make that investment as well.

Now, there are a series of other areas in this legislation that are equally important, but at the end of the day, I can't think of a bill that I have worked on that will have more direct effect on the lives of every Virginian over the next 5 years in terms of how you get to work, how you get to school, how you manage to take the kids out on the weekends, how our commerce moves, how we get our water, and how we get our internet than this record-setting \$550 billion bipartisan investment in infrastructure.

It is time for the Senate to take this bill up. I again commend all of my colleagues who have been working on this legislation, not just the so-called G-10 but the G-22. I thank Leader SCHUMER for his good work, continuing to push this legislation forward. I want to thank the White House for its constant involvement. I even want to commend Leader MCCONNELL for voting with this bipartisan group to move this legislation along. We have talked about this for 30 years. We are literally days away from this passing the U.S. Senate. We

have got to finish the job and get it done.

With that, I hope I have kept you riveted and now you are fully familiar with all the needs of Virginia. I am sure you can address similar needs in Minnesota. But I thank the Presiding Officer and all of the staffs who are here working on this Saturday, the last day in July, in the summer, to get this job done.

With that, I note the absence—I don't yield the floor.

I would have been surprised if the Presiding Officer had asked me to speak for another 30 minutes, but I will choose not to do that because I have great respect for the floor staff.

So I ask unanimous consent that the Senate recess subject to the call of the chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECESS SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate stands in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 2:43 p.m., recessed subject to the call of the Chair and reassembled at 5:16 p.m. when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Ms. BALDWIN).

EXECUTIVE SESSION—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

H.R. 3684

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I just want to give a quick update.

As everyone knows, we are waiting for the bipartisan group of Senators to finalize the text of their agreement. I have been informed the group is working hard to bring this negotiation to a conclusion, but they believe they need a little bit more time. I am prepared to give it to them because—because, as I have always said from the beginning, I am fully committed to passing a bipartisan infrastructure bill, and so the Senate will remain in session today so that they can bring this to a conclusion.

Again, this is an important bill. I know all the parties want to get this right. As soon as their legislative text is finalized, we will review it, and then I will offer it as the substitute amendment. After that, we can begin voting for amendments.

RECESS SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:18 p.m., recessed subject to the call of the Chair and reassembled at 9:51 p.m. when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. BENNET).

EXECUTIVE SESSION—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

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Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, the bipartisan group of Senators has still not finalized the legislative text of their substitute amendment. The staffs are still working and say they will have the final legislative text ready tomorrow. Therefore, the Senate will reconvene tomorrow at 12 noon.

As I have said, when the legislative text is ready, I will offer it as the substitute amendment, and, after that, we can begin voting on amendments.

As a reminder, upon completion of the bipartisan infrastructure bill, the Senate will turn to the budget resolution with reconciliation instructions.

I want to thank the Capitol Police, the clerks, and the Senate staff for working these past 2 late nights.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1597. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "American Rescue Plan Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Plan" (RIN1810-AB64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1598. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fraud and Abuse; Removal of Safe Harbor Protection for Rebates Involving Prescription Pharmaceuticals and Creation of New Safe Harbor Protection for Certain Point-of-Sale Reductions in Price on Prescription Pharmaceuticals and Certain Pharmacy Benefit Manager Service Fees; Additional Delayed Effective Date" (RIN0936-AA08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1599. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties for Inflation" ((RIN1801-AA21) (34 CFR Parts 36 and 668)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1600. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2020 Report to Congress State Pilot Grant Program for Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1601. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Public Health Data System Modernization Strategy and Implementation Plan"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1602. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled

“2020 Report to Congress Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1603. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits” (29 CFR Part 4044) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1604. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “American Rescue Plan Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Plan” (RIN1810-AB64) received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1605. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1606. A communication from the Regulation Coordinator, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Flexibility for Head Start Designation Renewals in Certain Emergencies” (RIN0970-AC85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1607. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Calculation of the Endowment Factor to Allocations to Historically Black Colleges and Universities under Section 314(a)(2)(A) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021” (RIN1840-AD63) received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1608. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “American Rescue Plan Act Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools Program” (RIN1810-AB63) received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1609. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Requirements; American Rescue Plan Act Homeless Children and Youth Program” (RIN1801-AA24) received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1610. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Requirements for Foreign and Domestic Establishment Registration and Listing for Human Drugs, Including Drugs That Are Regulated Under a Biologics License Application, and Animal Drugs; Correcting Amendments” (RIN0910-AA49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1611. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management

Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medical Devices; Technical Amendments” (Docket No. FDA-2021-N-0246) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1612. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1613. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits” (29 CFR Part 4044) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1614. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Food Additives Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals; Guanidinoacetic Acid” (Docket No. FDA-2019-F-5401) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1615. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2021-05, Small Entity Compliance Guide” (FAC 2021-05) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1616. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2021-05, Introduction” (FAC 2021-05) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1617. A communication from the Executive Director, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s Eightieth Financial Statement for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1618. A communication from the Acting Director of Equal Employment Opportunity, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s 2020 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1619. A communication from the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and a Management Report for the period from October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1620. A communication from the Chief Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a re-

port relative to the District of Columbia Family Court Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1621. A communication from the Deputy Solicitor, Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Federal Labor Relations Authority, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1622. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1623. A communication from the Senior Legislative Liaison, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bureau’s fiscal year 2020 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1624. A communication from the Agency Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency’s fiscal year 2020 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1625. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and a Management Report for the period from October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1626. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1627. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-111, “District’s Opportunity to Purchase Amendment Act of 2021”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1628. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1629. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Use of Bureau-Operated Schools by Third Parties Under Lease Agreements and Fundraising Activity by Bureau-Operated School Personnel” (RIN1076-AF55) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2021; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1630. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and

Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustments; Annual Adjustments" (RIN1076-AF52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2021; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1631. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention; Minimum Standards of Character" (RIN1076-AF53) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2021; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1632. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Columbia River In Lieu Fishing Sites" (RIN1076-AF61) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2021; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1633. A communication from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-1634. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2021; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-1635. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a

vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-1636. A communication from the Agency Representative, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mailing Address Changes Related to USPTO Deposit Accounts and Patent Maintenance Fees" (RIN0651-AD52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2021; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1637. A communication from the Register of Copyrights and Director, United States Copyright Office, Library of Congress, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the extension of adjustments to certain timing provisions of the Copyright Act for persons affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1638. A communication from the Agency Representative, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Representation of Others before the United States Patent and Trademark Office" (RIN0651-AC91) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1639. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an audit of the Garden for the period from January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1640. A communication from the Chief of the Regulatory Coordination Division, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Strengthening the H-1B Non-immigrant Visa Classification Program, Implementation of Vacatur" (RIN1615-AC13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER (for Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. REED, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. CASEY)):

S. 2578. A bill to extend the moratorium on residential evictions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ORDERS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 12 noon, Sunday, August 1; that following the prayer and pledge, the Executive Journal be approved to date and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TOMORROW

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 9:53 p.m., adjourned until Sunday, August 1, 2021, at 12 noon.